



## IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

### East Central Region

Salmon • Stanley • Challis

#### 24 Stanley Ranger Station Sewage Treatment Ponds

(208) 769-3000

eBird [ebird.org/hotspot/L1583999](http://ebird.org/hotspot/L1583999)

LAT/LONG: 44.1827623,-114.930315

**DIRECTIONS:** ~3 mi S of Stanley turn W to Stanley Ranger Station 0.1 mi; R (N) to RV dump station and oxidation ponds; park and end of dump station loop making sure not to block RV traffic; alternative parking at Ranger Station-walk to ponds.

The oxidation pools, through man-made, provide locally rare and ecologically valuable shallow water habitat that attracts summer resident and spring/fall migratory waterbirds. This unassuming trio of ponds is one of the top birding spots for waterbirds in the Sawtooth Valley. Look for Wood duck, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Common and Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, and Bufflehead. In mid-summer, shorebirds including Killdeer, American Avocet, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Wilson's and Red-necked Phalarope, and Western, Least, and Baird's Sandpipers arrive to forage on moist soil invertebrates. Also look for Great Blue Heron, Downy Woodpecker, and Osprey.

